tral Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme and any ex-gratia payment by the State Government concerned, amounts to Rs. one lakh. This is in addition to the benefits and facilities available to all Central Government servants in case of death while on duty as a result of attack by or during action against extremists.

[*English*]

Damage to Properties in Kashmir

*241. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether militants have been systematically destroying the properties of Kashmiris as a result of which they are being forced to flee from their homes in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details regarding the worst affected areas;

(c) the extent of damage caused;

(d) the preventive measures taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Government propose to compensate for the losses suffered by such refugees on their return to Kashmir; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) A number of families have left Kashmir Valley to take shelter in other parts of the country. The terrorists have continued to destroy a large number of private properties.

(b) Several areas in the Valley, and particularly Srinagar, have been affected.

(c) Damage has been caused to residential houses, shops and commercial premises, educational institutions, community halls, etc.

(d) The Government has already steped up pressure on the terrorists and vigil on the border. Intelligence operations has been further intensified.

(e) and (f). Government of Jammu and Kashmir has issued instructions for payment of ex-gratia assistance to the extent of 50% of the assessed loss of immovable property subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 1 lakh. They have made payment in some cases and survey of damaged properties is in progress in other cases.

[*Translation*]

Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983

*242. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals Act, 1983 enforced in Assam has been reviewed by the Union Government;

(b) whether any loopholes have been noticed therein;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to amend the Act; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) to (e). The Illegal

Migrants (Determination by Tribunals Act, 1983 was reviewed and amendments were made in this Act in consultation with the Government of Assam in 1988. No further amendments are contemplated.

[*English*]

Prohibition Cases

*243. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the National Crime Records Bureau for the year ending 1991 indicates an increase in prohibition cases in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-Wise and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether any investigation has been made to find out the reasons for this increase; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) The latest available publicaton of the National Crime Records Bureau pertains to the year 1990. The figures compiled therein indicate a decrease of 16.3 per cent in prohibition cases in 1990 as compared to the previous year.

(b) to (d). In view of above, do not arise.

Oil and Gas Exploration Projects

*244. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the various oil and gas exploration projects in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of such projects undertaken by foreign companies and whether all of them were successful;

(c) the total amount spent thereon during the said period; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to avoid precious foreign exchange paid to foreign companies for exploration work?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). A statement is attached.

The amount spent on oil and gas exploration by ONGC and OIL during the last 3 years are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

1988-89	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
ONGC* 1093.17	868.85	1003.78
OIL48.99	49.67	75.57

*In the case of ONGC the figures include depreciation cost also.

Under the 3rd round of bidding contracts were signed with foreign oil companies for 9 off-shore blocks. 9 wells were drilled which proved to be dry. The foreign companies spent about US $ 100 million on this exploration.

Impact of Cyclonic Storm on ONGC Ship

2569. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Badrinath", a drilling ship of ONGC stationed in Bay of Bengal was caught in the cyclonic storm; and